# DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

**MR. A. VIPAN** (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,57,600 under Demand I—Public Works, for the following items :—

(i) Restoration of the Anathazhachira—Rs. 8,000
(ii) Special recoating works in miles 21, 22, 23, 36, 43 and 47 of the Kottayam-Kumili road—Rs. 20,000
(iii) Metalling miles 5 (Furlongs 3 to 8) and 6 of the Trivandrum-Quilon road—Rs. 6,940
(iv) Gravelling miles 20 to 22 and 23 to 29 of the Alleppey-Shertallai-Arur road—Rs. 35,000
(v) Recoating of miles 1 to 19 of the Alleppey-Shertallai-Arur road—Rs. 37,660
(vi) Extensions to the Women's College Buildings—Rs. 50,000.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): May I point out that the various items may be subjected to the vote of the House *separately*? With regard to some of the items we may have some objections. Therefore the whole demand should not be put together.

**PRESIDENT**: I think the usual and correct procedure is to put them separately.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The *debate* may be on *all* the items of the demand.

**PRESIDENT**: Yes; and the *voting* may be done separately.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With regard to item (5), the extension of the Women's College buildings, we expect some more information on the matter. How that particular necessity arose at this time of the year, whether it did not strike the Government at the time they prepared the budget for this year, all these details have to be supplied to the House before these items could be voted upon.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): May I know whether Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai could not have interrupted the Chief Engineer before he resumed his seat and elicited the information that he now wants?

**PRESIDENT**: That is the correct procedure.

**MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I beg to rise to a point of order. So far as I am concerned, I received notice of this supplementary demand only today—this morning. I think, in fairness to the members, notice of supplementary demands should be given some days earlier so that we may be able to send cut motions or token motions as the case may be. We have not been enabled to do so this time. So, I think, either the consideration of these supplementary demands should be deferred so as to allow us time to give notice of motions or we should be allowed to move reductions or omissions without notice.



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**PRESIDENT**: The House has considered these supplementary demands through its representatives, the members of the Finance Committee.

**MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): If the demands are to be taken into consideration now, I oppose all the items for the following reasons.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): Is it the ruling from the Chair, on the point raised by Mr. Raman Menon, that because the Finance Committee has considered these items the members are not entitled to notice as laid down in the Rules and the Standing Orders?

**PRESIDENT**: Will one member kindly be in possession of the House at a time?

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): I am just at the point of order, Sir.

**PRESIDENT**: Well, I can only hear one member at a time.

**MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Am I at liberty to oppose the demand, Sir?

**PRESIDENT**: Every member is at liberty to oppose it.

**MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): On looking over the demands made I find that the Government have not been considering the needs of all portions of Travancore fairly.

**MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): I rise to a point of order. The demand for a supplementary grant is usually followed by an explanatory speech by the member who makes it. It is only after that that members think of opposing it or supporting it.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It is left to the mover to make a speech or not. If any of the members wanted any information he might have asked Mr. Vipan when he was in possession of the House.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): All on a sudden he sat down.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): In that case the member may request the President to ask Mr. Vipan to give any information about the demand.

**MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The first item is for an irrigation work. There are so many other irrigation works in other parts of Travancore which are probably more urgent than this. If I am not mistaken, this work for which the demand has been made is for the Trivandrum Taluk. There have been many complaints from people from the different parts of Travancore about the neglect on the part of Government in regard to necessary irrigation works. For example, in my own constituency there is the Karingalichalu Punja which has to be drained by the Pandyan channel which has been neglected for the last so many years. Some three years ago a small allotment was made in the budget for the purpose of improving this channel; but that allotment has lapsed, and I find that no provision has been made for that purpose during all these years. During

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the last 25 years and more this grievance has been pressed upon the attention of the Government. Therefore as regards irrigation work Government should treat all portions of the country fairly. I am not saying that all works should be done all at once; but the present juncture is one when there is a large amount of surplus money in the hands of the Government. So at least in some of the taluks where urgent works are needed and the necessity for them has been pressed upon the attention of the Government some work ought to be done at present. It is a general complaint throughout Travancore that particular areas are given preference and others are unfairly treated. So, to mark that protest I oppose that item.

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): May I know from the member whether in the present demand the Government have shown any preference to any area which does not actually deserve that preference?

**MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I will deal with that question afterwards. I am now talking only as regards the preference given to irrigation works of the Trivandrum Taluk. It is well known that a large amount of public money is spent in the Trivandrum Town and in the Trivandrum Taluk, the place being nearer the authorities that be, whereas other parts of the country are neglected. It is only about this particular item that I made this remark. As regards the other items, I will deal with them in order.

As regards the coating works for the Kottayam-Kumili road, that also is a favourite area. Favouritism is shown at the expense of the general tax-payer. I have no objection to that work if it is found absolutely necessary. But the Government should give the same benefit to other parts of Travancore also such as my constituency the constituency of Mr. Kochukunju Pillai, namely, Kunnttur and Kottarakarai or Karunagapalli,—my friend Mr. Kunjitomman is not here—and for Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha. These areas have actually been neglected by the Government during the last fifty years or more.

Item 3 also relates to a favourite area, the road being intended to connect two towns. The fact is that people in rural areas are not at all cared for. They are also men. They want roads not for motor traffic but to aid them to eke out a scanty maintenance by helping them to bring their manure at cheap rates and to carry their bulky agricultural produce at cheaper rates than at present. Government should have an eye and an ear on these things also.

As regards the Alleppey-Shertallai-Arur road, I do not object to it; because that is a portion of the country which has been long neglected.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): May I know why the member does not object to this particular item.

**MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Because that is a portion of the country which was for long neglected. So I am not at present disposed to object to that.

As regards the re-coating of miles 1 to 19 of the Alleppey-Shertalai-Arur road I do not know why that road wants re-coating so soon.

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[Mr. G. Raman Menon.]

I think it was only very recently constructed. I wish to have more information on that point.

As regards the extension of the Women's College buildings, that also ought to have been provided for in the budget for the year. But if there are urgent reasons for taking it up just now and if there were reasons which prevented that being included in the budget for the year that item also my be passed.

Generally, on principle, I think the Government and the Public Works Department should take into consideration the needs of all parts of the country fairly when they come for supplementary grants. They must be more fair than at present to portions of the country which have been neglected in the past and where the people have been pressing upon the attention of the Government the urgent necessity for public works in order to enable them to lessen their heavy losses and difficulties earning actually a scanty living.

For these reasons, I oppose the first three items.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): I rise to the point of order hinted by Mr. Raman Menon but not pressed by him. The provisions with respect to supplementary grants are contained in Section 53 of the Legislative Council Rules. Sub-clause (2) there says :—

"Supplementary or additional estimates shall be dealt with in the same way by the Council as if they were demands for grants."

Therefore, supplementary grants do not stand on a different footing from ordinary demands made at the time of the budget discussion.

With respect to the budget discussion, Standing Order 56 says ; —

"If notice of a motion to omit or reduce any grant has not been given 5 clear days before the day on which the demand is to be considered, any member may object to the moving of the motion and such objection shall prevail unless the President in the exercise of his power to suspend the Standing Order allows the motion to be made."

Therefore, just to be within the rights of a member he must see that he sends in his motion five clear days before the matter is set down for discussion. Unless he does that he is at the mercy of the other members of the Council or at that of the President.

With respect to the arrangement of the business of the Council itself, Standing Order 7, Sub-clause (3) says :

"No business requiring notice shall be set down for a day earlier than the period of the necessary notice."

Now, reading all these together the setting down of these supplementary demands as part of today's business appears to me not correct if it was impossible for any member to send in his motion on any of the demands.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Will the member kindly refer to any Rule or Standing Order which says that notice of supplementary demands should be given ?

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*) : Standing Order 7.

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**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Does it say that a demand can be moved only after sufficient notice is given.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): I am relying upon Section 7 of the Standing Order.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Where is it stated that the motion for supplementary demands is a business for which notice should be given.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): The whole demand should be presented to the House and on the day it is presented, it cannot be discussed. It will have to be adjourned on the arrangement made by the President. That is notice enough and when it says that 5 clear days' notice is required for the discussion of any item on the budget, even if it is not so expressly and explicitly laid down as my friend the Law Member would desire, I say, Sir, that there is the clearest implication that necessary time should be given to the members to send in their objections to the demands made. Otherwise, we shall be imputing to the Legislature a course of action which *prima facie* is unreasonable. That is, the rule framing authorities who framed the rules should be presumed to have enacted the aforesaid rules without quite understanding the impasse under such circumstances. The rules clearly imply that 5 days' notice is necessary for a supplementary grant to be discussed.

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): According to Rule 48, motions can be discussed only after the Dewan proposes a day for it.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): According to Rule 48 what the Law Member says may be true from a particular standpoint. But there is another portion of the rule that requires explanation. That is why I said that the Dewan will have to make arrangements with respect to the business to be transacted for each day. And therefore, unless the President rules otherwise I think the point raised by Mr. Raman Menon is sufficiently valid and supplementary grants at the present instance cannot be discussed.

**MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Are there not precedents in this House?

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): I am sorry I cannot quote any precedents. If my friend is able to quote any ruling previously passed on the subject, I shall thank him.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, Rule 48 is applicable only in connection with the annual budget. So far as supplementary demands are concerned, it is not Rule 48 that governs the point raised by Mr. Raman Menon. I would refer him to Rule 53 which says that supplementary or additional estimates shall be dealt with in the same way by the Council

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[Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai.]

as if they were demands for grants. It is not stated anywhere in the Rules or Standing Orders that specific notice of supplementary demands should be given.

Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai, though questioned by me, was not able to quote any rule which says that notice of supplementary demands should be given.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know from the member whether it is open to any member without sending a motion on the supplementary grant to discuss the grant.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes, and that is why I submit that Mr. Vipan's motion is strictly in order.

Then the next question is whether Mr. Raman Menon's motion to omit is in order. No doubt, there is a provision in the Standing Orders which says that 5 days' notice of such motions should be given.

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I point out to the Law Member Rule 50 which says that motions may be moved to omit or reduce any grants or any item in a grant but not to increase or alter the destination of a grant. In the light of this I submit that unless sufficient notice is given for omitting or reducing a grant, we cannot discuss the grant.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes. Rule 50 is there. Mr. Raman Menon's motion, as it was a motion to omit the whole grant, requires notice and that notice would have been insisted on if such a motion was presented at the time of the annual budget demands. In the case of supplementary demands it is not possible to do so and the President would waive the notice and the practice in this House has been like that. At any rate such a motion can be allowed in exercise of the President's discretion because that standing order itself says that the President can waive. Therefore, it seems to me that Mr. Vipan's motion is strictly in order. So far as Mr. Raman Menon's motion is concerned, according to the practice adopted in this House, that is also in order; and if any objection is raised, the President may over-rule the objection.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): May I know from the member what is the practice obtaining in British Indian Legislatures?

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The practice is the same as here, I believe.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be prepared to admit half a dozen reduction motions in the light of the Law Member's statement?

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): That rests with the President. But why a reduction motion? You can oppose the demand without giving notice.

**MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): May I remind the Law Member of what happened in the first session of the Council; when

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a supplementary grant was demanded in regard to the Satyagraha prisoners there was an assurance made from that side of the House that this particular grant must be treated as a special instance. That is to say, when they ask for the demand and we say that there was no sufficient notice given to us that should not stand in the way of the demand. At that time Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai pointed out the unsoundness of such a procedure from the Government and thereupon an assurance was made that that subject must be treated as a special instance.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): So far as my memory goes, I am not aware of any incident narrated by Mr. A. K. Pillai. The demand for the supplementary grant referred to was moved in the Budget Session itself I believe and therefore it was stated to be a special instance. But I am not quite sure.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambaalpuzha*) : May I know from the Law Member what his views are in regard to Sub-rule (2) of Rule 53. May I also know whether that rule is liable to variation at the discretion of the President?

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : May not be, so far as the point expressly raised by the question is concerned.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Is there any other provision to treat supplementary grants in any other light?

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : But the present question is whether there is any Rule or Standing Order to say that a demand may be moved only after notice. Rule 53 too refers to the dealing in the Council.

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Rule 49 says that.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : That refers to the Budget Session only.

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): These are supplementary grants and they are to be treated as demands for grants in the Budget Session.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : That should be dealt with in the Council as ordinary grants.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Does the business to be transacted in the House include demands for grants?

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Yes, I believe.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Then, according to the rules, no business shall be transacted unless sufficient notice is given as suggested by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Which rule, please?

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Standing Order 7 referred to by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai, which says that no business shall be discussed unless due notice is given.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): My copy of the Standing Orders does not say that. It says "no business requiring notice shall be set down for a day earlier than the period of the necessary notice".

MR. K.I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Does the member think that supplementary grants can be moved without notice?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes; strictly speaking.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Is that the construction the Law Member would put on Sub-rule (2) of Rule 53?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Not on that clause; but in the absence of any specific rules to require notice.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Is this the way in which the Law Member would construe the general spirit of the provisions relating to budget discussions?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): That does not oppose the general spirit of the budget rules. I am prepared to say that, as far as possible, sufficient notice ought to be given. That is also the practice of the House and that is being adhered to by the Government.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Does not the Law Member think that at least a day's notice shall be given to the members?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): That depends on the particular circumstances.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Does not the Law Member think it better, in the present instance, to postpone the matter, for tomorrow?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It is for the House to consider that; but not on the point of order.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): On the ground of want of sufficient notice, I ask the question.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): In that case, the point of order does not arise.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): The practice of the Council hitherto has been to circulate the matter as soon as it is printed sufficiently early and I fail to see why that practice was not adhered to in the present instance.

PRESIDENT: I shall consider the point of order raised by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai and give my decision after considering the matter fully. In the meanwhile, we will proceed as we began and I shall waive the need for notice from the members in regard to reduction motions on the demands now made.

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**MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : I move that the grant be reduced by Rs. 10. I should have asked for the reduction of the total grant and adopted a stronger attitude seeing how dissatisfied we are with regard to the unsatisfactory and inadequate policy underlying this demand.

**MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR** (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*) : I rise to a point of order. No question of policy can be discussed when a supplementary grant is under discussion.

**PRESIDENT** : A token motion is out of order in the discussion of supplementary demands.

**MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : I understood from the ruling of the President that we could move reduction motions.

**PRESIDENT** : I waive notice. That is all.

**MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : I cannot honestly say that I object to all the items except the last. But then I must vehemently protest against this spasmodic exhibitions of generous impulses on the part of Government by granting one road here, half a mile road there. We want a comprehensive policy of village reconstruction and rural communication and instead of that the Government either give half a mile road here and quarter of a mile road there and in each case perhaps that may be quite right. Our complaint is that more provision is not made to meet the requirements of the State as a whole. Particular items may be all right. But more are omitted and hence, the only way in which we can bring the matter to the notice of the Government is only by omitting the very necessary things which are asked for. So it is only in that sense that I object to this demand, not on the merits of the individual demand. But, as the Deputy President pointed out, if I cannot speak on the policy when we are discussing a supplementary grant, I do not wish to proceed further.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : When these items come to the stage of voting, of course, the President will put item by item separately.

**MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : This is exactly the point I want to bring to the attention of the House.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : I wish to make a motion to omit item No. (vi), namely, the allotment of Rs. 50,000 for the extension to the Women's College buildings. At the outset, I said that without knowing something about the details of the expenditure incurred under this item No. (vi) we may not be in a position to vote upon this particular demand. I understood that a commission was sent from the University to investigate into the matter, whether there was sufficient accommodation in the Women's College for giving affiliation to the B. A. course etc. That commission reported not only against giving affiliation to the B. A. course but also against continuing the affiliation of the existing classes on the ground that there was no accommodation even for the existing classes. In the meanwhile—

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*) : On what basis does the member make this statement ?



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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I make these observations purely from the answer given to the interpellation asked by me in the previous session of the House. The whole report was placed on the table and that is the ground on which I am proceeding. Therefore, according to the statement placed on the table of the House, if the commission has reported against granting affiliation to the B. A. course, then I cannot understand why Government should hurry on with a mighty building for the extension of which alone requires Rs. 50,000. I am surprised to observe why such a large sum is all on a sudden required. We do not know what is the expenditure already incurred for this building. Now the Government is pushing on with the construction of a model building anticipating that if a mighty building is put up, the University may come down and give affiliation to B. A. classes. We do not know whether it is purely left to the discretion of the Government to have a building, and then pray for a commission to come, and enquire and find whether there is sufficient accommodation for affiliation to the B. A. course. These are some of the important matters that have to be seriously considered. We cannot go on in this manner granting any amount, whether it comes as a supplementary grant or during the time of budget itself. We were from the beginning clamouring that the expenses on education—the present system of education—are rather becoming unbearable so far as the whole State is concerned. There is difference of opinion in the country itself that there is no use of spending more money to advance the existing system of education—

There is another complaint namely, that there is no need for a separate college for women at all. If the members will go back and refresh their memory to the various cut motions under this head which we were unable to discuss at the time of the budget, they will be convinced that there is a strong opposition against this proposal, namely, the extension of the Women's College buildings for the purpose of converting it into a first grade college. Unfortunately, we were not able to discuss this point then and decide one way or the other and come to a conclusion. Here is the opportunity given to this House to review the whole thing and what would be the maximum amount which would be required to complete the building we do not know. Nor does the Government supply this information. Without knowing all these things, the Government coming to the House and asking for a supplementary grant of Rs. 10,000 or Rs. 50,000 or Rs. 70,000 is quite unfair. If we go on sanctioning it, we do not know where this will end. We have already bitter experience of some buildings constructed for which there is no use at present. I may even go to the extent of saying that this is not a supplementary grant, but this is something like a supplementary budget. That will be evident from the fact that Government asked for a grant of only Rs. 20,000 for this purpose in the budget for the current year. Therefore, my point is that we have to get information whether the building Government mean to extend is for accommodating the existing classes in the Women's College or for the getting of affiliation to the B. A.

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course. I am sure the Government are contemplating at present with a set purpose. If this is so, whether there was any communication between the University of Madras and the Government of Travancore, to the effect that the University authorised the Government to construct such a model building so that they will reconsider their decision, so far as the B. A. course is concerned or not has to be known. For all these reasons, I move that the whole demand on item (vi) may be omitted.

**MR. A. VIPAN** (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, in regard to the restoration of the Anathazhachira, I have to submit certain points to this House. The Dewan inspected the Anathazhachira, Trivandrum taluk, classified as a minor Irrigation tank with an ayacut of 100 acres by the Trivandrum Minor Irrigation Committee. It was found on enquiries made on the spot, that the ayacut of the chira was much more than what was estimated by the Committee. It is seen from the Dewan Peishkar's report that the ayacut of the wet lands irrigable by the storage of water in the chira in the 4 pakuthies of Andurkonam, Pallipuram, Kazhakuttam and Attipra comes to 756·9 acres. It is desirable to improve the chira in the interests of paddy cultivation in the several pakuthies concerned.

Owing to the increase of Motor traffic during last year, portions of the Kottayam-Kumili road especially in miles 21, 22, 23, 36, 43 and 47 have been subject to heavy deterioration. The present maintenance grant for the road has been found to be quite inadequate for its proper upkeep. For special recoating works in the above miles, an estimate for Rs. 20,000 has been prepared. It is not possible to make provision for the work by diversion from sanctioned items. Hence a supplementary grant to the extent of Rs. 20,000 to the P. W. D. budget.

Owing to the increased traffic, a portion of the Trivandrum-Quilon road, miles 5 and 6, has become very soft and it is found very difficult to keep the gravelled surface fit for traffic with the sanctioned maintenance grant as was evident from the regular excesses under maintenance expenditure during the past years except in 1102, during which year the expenditure was kept down to the amount available resulting in the present state of disrepair. In the circumstances, it is proposed that the above portion of the road may be metalled at a cost not exceeding Rs. 6,940. As the work is urgent, I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 6,940 under P. W. D. budget.

Then the Alleppey-Shertallai-Arur road was formed with laterite chips spread to a width of 12 feet. But the development of motor traffic to an unexpected extent is threatening to spoil the road unless strengthened in time with a coating of gravel 3 inches thick to a width of 10 feet in the middle. An estimate amounting to Rs. 47,160 for recoating the Alleppey-Shertallai-Arur road miles 1 to 19 already finished was prepared and sent up to Government. Of this amount, Rs. 9,500 is available in the budget of 1103 on account of the maintenance of the 19 miles of road at Rs. 500 per mile. I therefore request permission to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 37,660. In view of the urgency of the work, the amount has to be sanctioned as an additional grant.

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In regard to item (v) may I know when was the original coating done?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): Last official year some portions were gravelled.

Then in connection with the opening of the B. A. Classes and the introduction of the Natural Science Group in the Intermediate course, the Director of Public Instruction has brought to the notice of Government that if the question of introducing the B. A. and Natural Science classes from the beginning of the next academic year has to be favourably considered by the Syndicate of the University of Madras, the following accommodation has to be provided in the College before June 1928:

(1) Science wing.
(2) Stair case hall with stair case.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): If this amount is spent may I know from the member whether the Government is sure that the University will affiliate the Women's College to the B. A. course?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): I cannot say.

The accommodation has to be provided anyhow.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Supposing this accommodation is given, are the Government assured that the University will give affiliation to the Women's College for B. A. course?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): It is anticipated that such will be the case.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know from the member whether this amount is demanded to complete the building already begun or to begin a new building?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): Only a portion of the building is being built with the money at our disposal. Rs. 50,000 is for completing one half of the building, including the central stair case.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether it is for affiliation that the building is extended, or because there is a real necessity for the extension of the building.

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): There is a real necessity for the extension of the building?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know what is the total estimate for the building?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): Rs. 1,80,000.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know the expenses incurred hitherto?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): Till last official year, an expenditure of Rs. 15,000 has been incurred. In the current year, we have spent about Rs. 35,000 and we have got a provision of Rs. 20,000 in the budget. I now move for an additional grant of Rs. 50,000 to finish the rest of the building.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether there was any understanding between the University of Madras and the Government in regard to the plan of the building?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): I have no information.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the stair case proposed to be built with the aid of the supplementary grant is intended for the building now under construction or whether for the whole building.

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): For both wings of the building as a whole.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): We have practically no idea of the building at all. That is the real difficulty. (*Laughter*).

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): I am sorry.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Is it for affiliation that the extension of the building is contemplated by Government?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): I have no information.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Who will give the information?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): I do not know. (*Laughter*).

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Does the Chief Engineer hope to spend the whole amount?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): I sincerely hope so, except under unforseen circumstances—acts of God or the King's enemies.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the member will assure us that there will be no surrender of the allotment?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): I can only say that I confidently hope to spend the whole allotment.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know whether he does not think that affiliation rests upon necessary accommodation as well?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): So I understand.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether affiliation was refused on the ground of want of accommodation or on some other grounds? What is it really?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): I cannot say.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, May I know whether he will be able to give us information on these points before we are asked to vote?

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): I am not in a position to say that.

Mr. G. Raman Menon wanted information regarding a particular road which was recently constructed. To this, I have to submit that there is heavy motor traffic on that road and unless something is done

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now to improve the condition of the road all our past work will prove futile. At the time of the Budget Session it was not anticipated that there will be heavy motor traffic on that particular road. Now I find the road is in need of additional work.

Then Mr. A. K. Pillai referred to the comprehensive policy that is to be adopted in regard to road construction. So far as I am aware, there is already a comprehensive policy with regard to that. But the point is that one work has to be proceeded with earlier than another in view of the urgency of the matter. It is for that reason that a supplementary demand is needed. It is not in the interests of any body that work should be suspended for nine months till the next Budget Session and additional funds become available.

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I have great pleasure in supporting Mr. Nilakanta Pillai and opposing this motion. Several issues were raised which Mr. Vipan was not able to answer and he definitely said that he would not be able to answer. Unless the information required is supplied, I think we will have to vote on this demand without getting any data whatsoever. We wanted to know whether the plan was approved by the Syndicate. Mr. Vipan did not give any answer to that also. Then, we wanted to know whether, after spending this large amount of Rs. 50,000 the University would grant affiliation or not. As for that also we did not get any satisfactory reply. If, as Mr. Vipan and a few others seem to think, providing a larger accommodation is the only necessity and affiliation is not a consequent necessity, I think there is no objection to grant funds in order to provide as much accommodation as is necessary. But if, on the other hand affiliation is our idea behind it, and accommodation is being enlarged with the purpose of securing affiliation I think then we ought to send the plan to the Syndicate, get it approved and get an assurance from the Madras University whether, after spending this large sum, the University will grant affiliation.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): Does it fall to the function of the Syndicate to approve plans with regard to proposed Colleges?

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I have no information with regard to that. I do not think they will decline to help us.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Has the member any objection to get affiliation directly from the London University?

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I do not know how it is relevant. We are talking about affiliation by the Madras University.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): My question is whether the member has any objection to get affiliation directly from the London University instead of from the Madras University.

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I am not concerned with that now.

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**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Then, does he object to the building being extended irrespective of the question whether it is affiliated or not?

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): coming to the point, if affiliation is our object, we have to satisfy certain requirements and certain restrictions that may be imposed on us by the Syndicate. Mr. Vipan, I am sorry, does not know more than I know about any restrictions or any impositions made by the Syndicate so far as this building is concerned. Then again, Sir, from the report of the last University Commission, from the extract of that report placed on the table of this House in reply to an interpellation made, it is seen that there is not sufficient justification even for the affiliation that this College is now enjoying. As such, I am afraid, if without getting an assurance from any member on the other side of the House, from Mr. Vipan or anybody else representing Government, we sanction this grant, we will be giving a blank cheque. Therefore unless an assurance is forthcoming from that side of the House I have to support my friend Mr. Nilakanta Pillai whole heartedly.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Stephenson, I shall try to explain a few matters that have been raised in connection with the building that is proposed to be constructed for the Women's College. Sir, the need for raising the Women's College to the first grade is, I believe, recognised by all.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): No.

**MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Yes.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): At any rate, those parents who send their daughters to the boys' schools and colleges do recognise that there is need for raising the Women's College to the first grade and I am assured of that sentiment by the fact that it was only half an hour ago that Dr. Madhavan Pillai raised the question of providing separate schools for girls where the number of girls studying in the boys schools is large.

**MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Was it not about the high schools?

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Is there not a difference between the girls studying in the high schools for boys and the ladies studying in the colleges for boys in that respect?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not so far as regards the general opinion of the country is concerned. Also, the fact that there is necessity for raising this college to the First Grade was realised by the Commission that was sent here sometime ago to consider this question. They have said that they are in perfect sympathy with that aspiration of the Travancore Government. I need not further emphasise this point.

**MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Chief Secretary explain the necessity for raising the College to the First Grade?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, the necessity was admitted by this House itself and it granted a demand for Rs. 20,000, for the building at the Budget Session.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): We did not discuss the grant then as we had no time and you got the luck.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is not so. The P. W. D. demand *was* discussed. That was the first demand that was discussed in this House.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): May I know the number of lady students attending the Boys' Colleges now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no definite information. But a large number of lady students are now studying in the Colleges at Madras.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Do the Government think of providing for all the subjects in the Women's College?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It will have to be done in course of time.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): So, you will be able only to remove a few ladies from the presence of boys, that is, so long as you are not able to provide all the branches of education in the Women's College, the same problem will have to be dealt with.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have nowhere promised to give college education to all the women of this country, nor for that matter all the men of this country. But, as far as possible, it is the aim of the Government to provide education for Women in the Women's College.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know what is the cost of education of women per head per year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am sorry that all that information is not before me now. I did not expect that this general question of policy with regard to female education will be raised.

The real point is whether, after incurring a large expenditure, the University will affiliate the B. A. and the Natural Science branches with the University. I think, Sir, the House has seen already the extract from the Report of the Commission that was sent here to enquire into this question. The question now before the House is only the question of accommodation and on that point the Commission was then of opinion that the accommodation then available was not sufficient, and that the accommodation promised was also not sufficient. Now, it is just to remove that objection of the commission that we are constructing the building.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is that the only objection?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the objection now under discussion although there were other objections as well.

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**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Government have taken steps to remove the other objections?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are not irremediable and they will be removed. The main objection was with regard to the inadequacy of the accommodation. We are asking for affiliation from next College year, and, before we do that, we must remove the objection with regard to accommodation and with the construction of the building that is now in contemplation that objection will surely not arise.

The question whether the University has approved of the plan has been raised. There is no rule in regard to that. I hardly think that the University will take the trouble of previously looking into the plans and approving them. What it wants is that, when the Commission visits, it should certify that all the objections have been removed.

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the member whether certain experiments with the aid of microscopes have got to be made in square rooms instead of circular rooms.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say. Perhaps the member knows that.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): May I know whether the plans were drawn in consultation with anybody?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They were drawn in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction and the Principals of the Colleges.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction is an authority in this matter?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He is an expert on education and knows the needs of education.

**MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether the Women's College is going to be a Science College or an Arts College?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It will for the present be an Arts College in B. A.

**MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Are we naturally to hope that the Government will demand for a Science College afterwards?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Let us hope so. That will come in due course.

I do not expect that the University is going to approve in advance the plans of buildings which Colleges are raising. On the other hand, the University may send a Commission to see, after the buildings are finished, whether they satisfy the requirements.

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the member—



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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I should like to proceed with my sentence and after it is finished the member may ask any question he chooses. What the University wants when it sends its Commission is, to say that there is no objection and I am doubtful whether the University will undertake the business of approving plans and estimates in advance. So, what the Government hope to do is to provide a building for the College so that when the Commission comes there may be no objection with regard to want of accommodation or unsuitability of accommodation. The plans have been so framed by the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Instruction in consultation with the Principals of Colleges that I believe there can be no objection on the part of the Commission to recognise that the building is suitable for raising the College to the First Grade.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know who were the Principals that were consulted?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe the Professors in the Science College and the Lady Principal herself have been consulted. So, although the Government cannot give an assurance absolutely that the University will affiliate, the Government can say this much that no reasonable Commission can oppose on the ground of inadequate and unsuitable accommodation when the beautiful building that is in contemplation is constructed.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether beauty is in contemplation here?

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know whether there is any procedure to forward plans to the University?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think there is any such procedure. It is a procedure, I believe, prescribed for schools in the Education Code of our State, but not so far as Colleges are concerned.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Was any such thing done in regard to our present College?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether there is any objection in sending the plan to the University for approval?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The building must be finished before July next when the College has to be opened.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is there any harm in postponing the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There *is* harm

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is there any compulsion that it should be opened in next July?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the desire of the Government and of the people concerned.

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**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether there is at present any understanding that another Commission would come and enquire into the matter in the near future?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have asked the University to send a Commission but no reply has yet been received.

**MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know from the member whether the whole building will be completed with this sum?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Mr. Vipan has said that with this sum only half the building will be completed.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Is there any hostel attached to the College?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the previous Commission was satisfied with the existing hostel arrangements?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Perhaps not.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : So, is there any provision in the programme for a hostel?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That will come in later on and the House will be able to vote on it.

**MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Sir, I desire to guard against a possible misconception that the sentiments given expression to by a few members on this side of the House represent the sentiments of all the rest of us with regard to the Women's College. I think there is very great need for a First Grade Women's College equipped in the best manner possible in the capital of the State. We have spent enormous sums of money to provide two First Grade Colleges for boys.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Am I to understand that the member presumes that there is great objection to raising the Women's College to the First Grade?

**MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : From the statements made by some members I make certain inferences. The member is at perfect liberty to make his own inferences. I think there is objection in certain quarters to the raising of the Women's College to the Frist Grade. The raising of the Women's College to the First Grade is of the greatest importance. Already large numbers of lady students are going to Madras and finding it increasingly difficult to get accommodation in the two Women's Colleges in Madras.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know from the member whether he has compared the strength of the lady students both in the Arts College and the Science College this year with that of the previous year and the year before that?

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MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): It is not my business to make enquiries.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Has the member any idea of the number of women students in the Science and Arts Colleges for the last three years?

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): No.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the member be able to give instances of lady students discontinuing their studies for want of accommodation in the Women's Colleges?

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Oh yes, any number. There have been instances of ladies going to Madras and then writing to me for recommendation.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the member give a single instance where a student did not get admission to the Arts College in Trivandrum?

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*) I mean that a great number of the parents desire that their daughters should be taught in Women's Colleges.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know from the member whether he is aware of the fact that the lady speaker of the Arts College Union spoke in favour of co-education?

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*) No, I have not heard of it.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know from the member whether there are lady graduates at present who are unemployed?

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*) Of course, there are. There are also any number of men graduates without any employment, but is that any reason why there should be no College for them? I think we are not here to discuss whether the education now given is on sound lines and whether we should discontinue the present system of education because the supply of graduates is more than the demand. Leaving that aside, as Dr. Madhavan Pillai made it clear, it is an undoubted fact that a very large number of people object to their daughters being taught in the Colleges for men.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know whether there is any objection with regard to the girls continuing in the Colleges?

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*) I think so.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether he objects to it or any other has objected to it in his own knowledge?

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**MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Any number of people object to it. For example, I myself object to it. Leaving that aside, there is a distinct demand for a First Grade College for Women in Travancore for several reasons. For one thing there is no adequate space.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): Is the question of cost not to be considered in this connection?

**MR. K. C MAMMEN MAPPILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): A country like ours can well afford to spend the required amount for the purpose.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Does the member know that the cost per head of the women students is something like Rs. 300 a year per head?

**MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): It may be so.

**MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Does the member think that a Law College also is necessary for women?

**MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): When that question comes up it will be time for me to express an opinion. I should welcome all steps on the part of the Government to raise the Women's College to the First Grade. I think we might presume that the Syndicate is composed of honest and honourable persons and that when an application is made by the Travancore Government for affiliation, the Syndicate will not stand in the way. Moreover, it is not generally done. I know from personal experience that Colleges are not in the habit of sending plans for the previous approval of the Syndicate. The authorities have to provide reasonable space and the University will send out a Commission.

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the member whether he knows of instances where after the buildings are completed, the University has declined to grant affiliation?

**MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): I am not aware. I say I am aware of instances where the University Commission inspect Colleges only after the building has been finished and then they have given the sanction. As it is the Travancore Government that is behind the institution, and the Syndicate will be composed of reasonable and honourable men, I am sure they will not stand in the way of affiliation being granted by the University. So, I strongly support the demand for the supplementary grant.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Excepting items 1, 2, 3 and 6 I wish to object the demad for items 4 and 5. The main ground of my objection, Sir, is that almost all points concerning the items have been explained away satisfactorily and as such I do not find any reason whatsoever to object those items. But with regard to items 4 and 5 no

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[Mr. M. Sivatanu Pillai.]

satisfactory explanation seemed to come forth from the Chief Engineer. So, I make myself bold to object those two items. It is true, Sir, that Shertallai taluk was sometime back treated with a step-motherly treatment by the Government in the matter of facilities for communication and that more so by not opening up of roads. I am myself diffident to say whether these provisions for remetalling as well as for gravelling particular roads joining Arur and Shertallai *via* Alleppey will satisfy the present needs, because I have heard it said, Sir, that elephantiasis is a disease which cannot be cured either by surgical operation or by any drug and I believe it will be amply borne out by my friend Mrs. Poonen Lukose. So also, Shertallai is a water-logged area that any amount of metalling or gravelling will be of no use whatsoever. Unless the Chief Engineer is in a position to assure us that this recoating with reference to item No. 5, after spending Rs. 37,660 over it, will be allright and that there will not be any necessity in the immediate future again to give a recoating to the particular road—

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): May I know from the member whether he is of opinion that more money should be allotted for the purpose?

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Certainly not. My point is that unless the Chief Engineer is in a position to assure the House that the necessity or utility of this particular road will be corresponding to the sum that is contemplated to be spent over it, that is to say, the road is so urgently necessary as to deserve the expenditure of about Rs. 37,660, apart from the sum already allotted in last year's budget—

**MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Does the member know that this is the only possible land outlet?

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): I know that there is a water outlet also. Unless the Chief Engineer is in a position to make out a case that this land outlet is absolutely necessary and warranted under the circumstances, the Government will not be justified in spending such a huge sum of money, particularly for recoating and not even for opening and I wish very much that this road will be completely and satisfactorily recoated after the above expenditure and may not stand in need of any recoating at all in the near future.

**MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): May I know from the member whether he has any idea of the relative amount spent in any taluk in South Travancore and the revenue there and also the same in regard to Shertallai?

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Well, Sir, that is the mentality I want to do away with. I want to look at Travancore as a whole.

**MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Does the member who wants to look at the country as a whole also want as many roads as possible in a particular part of Travancore?

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): My attitude can be seen from the fact that I stoutly opposed the grant for the Karkad road in South Travancore because that was found to be unnecessary. If this road also

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is not so important as to deserve the expenditure of Rs. 37,660 apart from the sum already provided for in last year's budget, I feel no reason whatsoever why this road should be recoated at all. My position is strengthened by the fact that Mr. Vipan answered one of the questions by saying that this road has got to be recoated though the original coating took place only a year back. From this I am at liberty to infer that the soil will be very loose and that the department will have to sink a good deal of money for coating as well as for metalling the road and if the Chief Engineer can assure us that the road is absolutely important I have no objection to the demand but that explanation did not come from the Chief Engineer.

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Did the member attend the Chief Engineer's reply when he said that the motor traffic has developed recently in the Shertallai taluk to such an extent as was not expected by him?

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): If that be the sole reason, motor traffic can be expected to develop to an enormous extent everywhere and recoating will be more urgently needed everywhere.

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Does he not therefore think that the road in Shertallai is very urgent?

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): I do not think so.

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): May I know from the member the purpose for which the road is meant?

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): At any rate it is not meant for those who are physically unfit to use it.

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Is it not meant for traffic?

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Certainly.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): May I know from the member whether with respect to the increase in motor traffic it is the peculiar feature of Shertallai alone?

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Certainly it is not the case. Motor traffic may increase to such an imaginary extent some times as to do away with roads.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know from the member whether he has gone to any part of Shertallai taluk?

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): I have been there once and that is why I was impressed by the water-logged nature of the place, as well as the peculiar legs of the people living there. So, if the Chief Engineer is able to assure me that this particular taluk will be hale and healthy after this surgical operation is done piecemeal by metalling and assure the House that this taluk will be restored to a healthy condition absolutely, I have no objection.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Mr. Raman Menon objected to item No. 1, *i. e.*, restoration of Anathazhahira, and he seems to think that when compared to the Trivandrum taluk the other parts of the State are being unfairly treated.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Does he know the proportion between the money spent for original works and that on buildings so far as the southern taluk and the northern taluk are concerned?

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I do not know anything about it. I am talking about the *Anathazhachira*. An irrigation committee was appointed by Government and it was presided over by the Executive Engineer of the Division to investigate the condition of the irrigation of the taluk; and that committee discovered that as many as 262 tanks intended to serve 4,000 acres of paddy lands were all silted up. They discovered also the fact that the beautiful net work of the irrigation tank that once existed and that used to serve the remaining 6,000 acres has also disappeared. This fact was stressed in my speech during the general discussion of the budget last year. I am not presumptuous enough to say whether the demand now presented by Mr. Vipan is the direct outcome of what I said then. But I believe the demand is the expression of a policy which the Government intend to pursue in regard to irrigation tanks in the whole State. (Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai: Hear, hear.) I had pointed out to this Council that this country which has got about 52 lakhs of paras of paddy lands is importing now paddy to the value of $2\frac{1}{4}$ crores of rupees annually and that it was my firm belief that this importation would not be necessary, if all the irrigation tanks that once existed and that have disappeared now are put in order. The Dewan in company with the Chief Engineer was kind enough to pay a visit—more than one visit—to this Anathazhachira, and the people assembled there assured him that if this chira be put in order they would find no necessity to buy even an Edangali of rice for their own use. This chira, I may tell you, is something like the Pechipara Dam and it is surrounded by hills on three sides. The fourth is a strong bund which was assigned away and the chira was serving more than 700 acres of paddy lands or even more.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will he be able to state at what date?

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Before the tank got into ruins.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Approximate date?

MR. K. MDHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I cannot tell you. The date on which it was assigned away, you can find out from the Land Revenue Department.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): How long has this been in ruins?

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I cannot say. It is now in ruins. Perhaps for years it has been neglected. How can I know that? You can find it out from the Land Revenue Department when the assignment took place.

Well, as a result, I may say, of some subtle process of departmental action, the very bund put by the people has been assigned away. And the sites of the bund were also assigned away and the whole chira as

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its name implies Anathazha the place where as elephants are supposed to have got under, is now in ruins, and the whole of the 700 acres of the paddy lands is without the benefit of any irrigational system. This I brought to the notice of the Chief Engineer and the Dewan, and, as I said before, they were kind enough to pay a visit to the place and discovered the necessity for restoring it and putting it in order. I may tell you once again that, if this tank is restored and put in order, probably the yield will increase by five fold. That would mean that we will have produced 50,000 paras of paddy more, than we get from the lands, and that will be sufficient for 2,500 people annually. Besides it will also avoid the importation of foreign grain into this country to that extent.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Was there any maintenance work done in this tank?

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Nothing was done. It was not done for years. It has been neglected and that is why Mr. Vipan has brougt forward this demand. I hope this Council will sanction the amount under the demand.

As regards item No. 6, the policy as to whether the Women's College ought to be raised to the first grade has already been approved by this Council, and the very fact that the demand is now made by Mr. Vipan will show that the policy behind that action is not under consideration. What is presented for consideration is whether the estimate prepared by Mr. Vipan is necessary or not. Mr. Vipan has prepared the estimate in pursuance of a policy that has been laid down by this Council, and carried out by the Department.

**MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Does he say that the members are estopped from discussing the matter?

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I don't say that. What I say is that the policy has been affirmed, and part of the work carried out, and that there is no use of going back, and that all we have to consider now is whether the estimate is excessive. I for my part would not say that it is excessive.

As regards accommodation also I should say that we are absolutely at the disposal of the Madras University and that we are bound to provide accommodation if the Madras University insists on it. If I remember correct the University Commission itself said that a First Grade College for women staffed entirely by women is necessary. And I believe, as a parent myself and one who knows the sentiments of many parents, that a separate Women's College for women is an unavoidable necessity. (*Hear, hear.*) And as such I think these objections now raised to the continuation of the work, that has already been undertaken in pursuance of a policy affirmed by this Council is out of place. I therefore support Mr. Vipan's motion.

**MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Sir, in spite of the able speeches made by the Chief Secretary, Mr. Mammen Mappillai and Mr. Madhavan Pillai, I find it difficult to support the demand for grant made by Mr. Vipan for the construction of a building



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[Mr. K. I. Joseph.]

to raise the Women's College to the First Grade. Mr. Madhavan Pillai was basing his argument chiefly on the ground that this House has already agreed to this policy. But I do not believe it a sufficient reason for this House not to consider the matter again if there are sufficient materials for reconsideration of the policy. My chief objection at present is based on the fact that Government have, during the last budget discussion, promised the appointment of a committee or some other agency for considering the question of revising the present educational policy and system. Government had also on an earlier occasion made the definite statement that no further large investments on account of the development of the present educational system will be made before taking advice in the matter of changing the present educational system itself. Under these circumstances I do not think there is any real necessity for bringing in this supplementary grant at present. If, after appointing the committee or other agency and receiving their report Government feel the necessity for establishing a First Grade college for women then of course, the question may be considered. As matters stand at present I do not think there is any necessity for this. The present Arts College and the Science College can very well accommodate a number of girl students, and there has not been any complaint of want of accommodation for girls in these colleges. These women students have been admitted in these colleges for the last several years, and so far as I was able to understand, no one has shown any reason why women students should not be admitted there.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): From the point of view of parents, has the member any objection to house boys and girls in one and the same building for the purpose of education?

**MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): If the member who puts the question will explain the relevancy of that question, I shall answer it; otherwise I am not prepared to answer. Here it is not a question of housing them together.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Am I to understand that the member wants no separate college for women simply because there is accommodation in the boys' colleges?

**MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): I do not think that at present any harm is being done by allowing the boys and girls to study in the same colleges. At any rate so far as the B.A. classes are concerned I do not think there is any harm. That is my position. I think people will demand for the construction of separate churches also for women if we push this argument further, and for separate establishment everywhere; I do not think we need go to such extremes.

**MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Is it not a reflection on the boys and girls students and the staff?

**MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): To a certain extent it is a reflection on the staff also, since it means they cannot manage the students during the class hours. The starting of separate colleges cannot prevent those who are bent upon mischief to do it outside class hours.

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Under these circumstances I do not find any necessity to sanction the demand. If after mature consideration we find that the present educational system is satisfactory and that there is necessity for raising the college to the First Grade, then it is time to consider that matter. As at present advised, I support the motion of Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.

**MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : Does not the allowing of this grant also mean that we are signing away our character and self-respect?

**MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : To a certain extent I may agree with Mr. A. K. Pillai.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether he is aware that the matter is equally strong on the other side. That is what it is so far as we can understand.

**MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : വിമൻസു കാളേജി ലെ ആവശ്യത്തിനുള്ള കെട്ടിടം പണിവകയ്ക്കു ൪൦,൦൦൦ രൂപാ അനുവദിക്കാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നു മി: കെ. പി. നീലകണ്ഠപിള്ളയുടെ അഭിപ്രായത്തോടു ഞാൻ യോജിക്കുന്നു. വിമൻസുകാളേജിലും ബായിസ്കാളേജിലും പഠിച്ചു വെളിക്കുവന്നിട്ടുള്ള സ്ത്രീ ഗ്രാഡുവെറുകൾ ഇപ്പോൾതന്നെ വളരേയുണ്ടു. അവക്കു തൊഴിലില്ലെന്നു ഗവർണ്മെൻറു തന്നെ സമ്മതിക്കുന്നുമുണ്ടു്. ഇനിയും അവരുടെ സംഖ്യയെ വർദ്ധിപ്പിച്ചു തൊഴിലില്ലാതാക്കി പിന്നീടു അതിനെ പരിഹരിക്കുന്നതിനു ഒരു കമ്മറിയെ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനെക്കാൾ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഈ പരിഷ്കാരം വേണ്ടെന്നു വയ്ക്കുകയാണു് നല്ലതു്.

**MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*)) : സ്ത്രീകളെ കാളേജിൽ പഠിപ്പിക്കാൻ പാടില്ല എന്നൊരു ചട്ടം ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയാൽ നന്നായിരിക്കുമോ?

**MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : അങ്ങിനെ ഞാൻ പറയുന്നില്ല. സ്ത്രീകൾക്കായിട്ടു പ്രത്യേകം ഒരുകാളേജു വേണ്ടെന്നേ പറയുന്നുള്ളു. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ രീതിയെ തുടർന്നുകൊണ്ടു പോയാൽ മതിയെന്നാണു് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ രീതിയെ തുടർന്നാൽ തന്നെയും ധാരാളം പേർ പഠിക്കാൻ തയാറാകുമെന്നു മി: മാമൻമാപ്പിള അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടതു് എനിക്കും അനുഭവമാണു്. പുരുഷന്മാരുടെയിടയിലും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം സിദ്ധിച്ചു തൊഴിലില്ലാതെ നടക്കുന്നവർധാരാളമുണ്ടെന്നും ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസരീതി മോശമാണെന്നും ഈകൗൺസിലിൽ വാദിക്കയും ഗവർണ്മെൻറു ആഅഭിപ്രായം സ്വീകരിക്കയും ചെയ്തുകഴിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. മി: ജോസഫ് പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസരീതി മാറിയതിനു ശേഷം പ്രത്യേകം കാളേജു സ്ത്രീകൾക്കായി

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[Mr. Kurandipallil R. Raman Pillai.]

എന്റെ പ്രത്യേകം അഭിപ്രായമാണ്. ഈ അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി മി: കെ. പി. നിലകണ്ഠപ്പിള്ളയെ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Sir, I support the demand under item 6 *viz.* extension to the Women's College building. As far as possible, our girls should have separate Colleges from the boys. I have often heard boys insulting girl students in the classrooms.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Is the member prepared to accept a challenge on that point? Is he prepared to take referendum from among the girls in the matter?

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I am prepared to take up the challenge and not the referendum.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Were the boys concerned punished?

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Perhaps the Principal has punished them.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : If separate colleges are established will this insult cease?

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Yes, I think so.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Has he heard of girls quarrelling among themselves?

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Is there no instance of a boy insulting another boy?

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : That is entirely a different matter.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : If every boy and every girl is to have a college will not the difficulty cease? Does he know that the Hocarno conference has condemned segregate education?

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I am not prepared to answer each and every question. We have already started the work and it is seen from Mr. Vipan's speech that half the building will be completed shortly. The work is in progress and you want to leave it as it is.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the member will be prepared to point out the defect of co-education from the medical point of view.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I am not prepared. This is not the occasion for it. If the member wants my advice he must pay my fees. (*Laughter.*) So it is not our lookout to see whether the University commission recognise the institution or not. We shall do our duty and see that the college is given the necessary accommodation.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the member state whether there is any separate medical college for girls anywhere?

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MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Yes, I know that there is one in Delhi. And so, I request all the members here to support the demand and complete the building which is under construction.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇവിടെ ഇപ്പോൾ വാദ വിഷയമായിരിക്കുന്നതിൽ രണ്ടു വിഷയങ്ങളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചും അല്പം പറയണമെന്ന് ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. അതിൽ ഒന്നു ചേത്തല അയിരൂർ റോഡിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചാണു്. ഈ റോഡിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് ഇനിയും പണം ചിലവാക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ലാ എന്നു് പറയുന്ന മിസ്റ്റർ. ശിവതാണുപിള്ളയുടെ അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി എനിക്കു് യോജിക്കാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാ. ചേത്തല ഗതാഗതത്തിനു് വളരെ അസൌകര്യമുള്ള സ്ഥലമാണെന്നുള്ളതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു പ്രജാസഭയിലും നിയമസഭയിലും ഉള്ള മെമ്പന്മാർ പലപ്പോഴും പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതാണു്.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I never said that this road should not be constructed. I only wanted an assurance as regards the absolute necessity for it.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ആവശ്യത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു എനിക്കു അല്പം പറയാൻ ഉണ്ടു്. ഈ റോഡു് ചേത്തലക്കാരുടെ ആവശ്യത്തിനു മാത്രമല്ലാ നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്. തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തുനിന്നും കൊച്ചിവരെയുള്ള മെയിൻറോഡിന്റെ ഒരു ഭാഗമാണു് ഈ റോഡു്. അതിനാൽ ഇതു വളരെ പ്രധാനമായിട്ടുള്ളതാണെന്നാണെന്നു പ്രത്യക്ഷത്തിൽ അറിയാവുന്നതാണു.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): കായൽവഴി ഗതാഗതം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു സൌകര്യം ഉണ്ടൊ?

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഉണ്ടു്. കായൽവഴി സൌകര്യം ഉണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു റോഡു വേണ്ടെന്നു പറയുന്നതിൽ അർത്ഥമില്ല. അതിനാൽ ഈ ആവശ്യത്തിലേക്കുവേണ്ടി ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതുപണം അനുവദിക്കണമെന്നാണു് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. വേറെ ഒന്നു പറയാൻ ഉള്ളതു ഗവർമ്മെൻറ് കോളേജിനെപ്പറ്റിയാണു്. കോളേജ് ക്ലാസ്സുകളിൽ പെൺകുട്ടികളേയും ആൺകുട്ടികളേയും ഒരുമിച്ചു പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നതു നല്ലതല്ലെന്നുള്ള തത്വത്തെ അടിസ്ഥാനപ്പെടുത്തി ഒരു ഇൻറർമീഡിയെറ് ഗവർമ്മെൻറ് കോളേജ് ഇവിടെ സ്ഥാപിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടു കുറേക്കാലമായി. ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഇതുവരെ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പണം ഈ കാര്യത്തിലേക്കുവേണ്ടിയാണു്. ഈ രണ്ടു കൂട്ടരേയും ഒരുമിച്ചു പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിൽ വിപരീതാഭിപ്രായം ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ അത്യാവശ്യമായി ഇൻറർമീഡിയറു ഗവർമ്മെൻറ് കോളേജ് തന്നെ നിറുത്തേണ്ടതാണു്. എന്നാൽ ഈ അഭി

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പ്രായം നാം സ്വീകരിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു ഈ കാളേജിനെ ഒരു ഫസ്റ്റ് ഗ്രേഡ് കാളേജ് ആക്കുന്നവിഷയത്തിൽ വിപരീതാഭിപ്രായം പറയുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Does he know that the ideas connected with the education are being revised today?

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Does he make no difference between the lady students in the College classes and the girl students in the intermediate classes?

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇൻറർമീഡിയറ ക്ലാസിൽ ഉള്ള സ്ത്രീകൾക്കു പ്രത്യേകം കാളേജ് കൊടുക്കുന്നതിൽ എത്രത്തോളം അത്യാവശ്യമുണ്ടോ അത്രത്തോളംതന്നെ അവശ്യം അതിനു മുകളിലുള്ള ക്ലാസിലെ കുട്ടികൾക്കു കൊടുക്കുന്നതിലും ഉണ്ടു്.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസരീതി തൃപ്തികരമാണൊ?

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസരീതി തൃപ്തികരമല്ലെന്നു വിചാരിച്ചു ഇനിമേലും കാളേജും ഹൈസ്ക്കൂളും ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നുപറയുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): അതുകൊണ്ടു ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ കൂടുതൽപണം ചിലവാക്കണമെന്നാണോ അഭിപ്രായം.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിൻറെ വ്യാപ്തിക്കായി കൂടുതൽ പണം ചിലവാക്കേണ്ടതത്യാവശ്യമാണു്. അതിൻറെ രീതിയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു നോക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിൻറെ രീതിയെ മാറിയതിനുശേഷം കാളേജിൻറെ ഗ്രേഡു കൂട്ടിയാൽപോരെ?

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): പോരാ. ഒന്നാംഗ്രേഡു് ആക്കുകതന്നെ വേണം. അതിനാൽ ആവകയ്ക്കുള്ള പണം അനുവദിക്കണ്ടതാണെന്നു ഞാൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെടുന്നു.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Sir, I should also strongly support the demand for accommodation in order to raise the Women's College to First Grade College. It has to be observed that as far as our present social conditions go, we are not at all in a position to encourage the co-education of men and women in colleges and high schools. The difficulties and evils experienced (*Louder, please*) in our High Schools in which most of the boys and girls are compelled to be educated together owing to the insufficient supply of girls' high schools, are a matter of serious complaint throughout the State.

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**MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): How many girls' high schools are there?

**MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Not many. Owing to not having sufficient number of girls' high schools, we are undergoing the above difficulty.

**MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): ഹൈസ്കൂൾ ക്ലാസുകളിൽ ഗേൾസിനേയും ബായിസ്സിനേയും ഒന്നിച്ചു പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നതായിട്ടു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ ?

**MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): It gives rise to various troubles. Apart from the various troubles, I know from personal experience how cramped the girls feel from want of freedom, when they are in these boys' schools.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): Suppose there is sufficient output of girls in these schools?

**MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): If boys' schools are turned into girls' schools where girls predominate, then it will be all right. But that condition does not obtain now. As far as my knowledge goes, the ladies feel themselves in an atmosphere where they have not at all got any freedom, and that lack of freedom detrimentally affects their intellect.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Have they expressed themselves like that?

**MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): From what I know of girls in the boys' schools, I can very well infer what will be the state in the colleges.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Does not the member know that freedom is better appreciated in the fight for freedom?

**MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): They have not been given liberty to fight for freedom.

As I have already said, as far as our social conditions remain as they are, it is highly necessary to have separate colleges and high schools.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Does he know that no such difficulty exists?

**MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): So I strongly support the demand for providing additional accommodation to raise the Women's College to a Frst Grade College. I know that several lady students are obliged to go to Madras and other places for their studies as they prefer to be in the women's colleges.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Are there not boys going out for the purpose of joining colleges elsewhere?

**MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Not because they have not got accommodation here.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): The member's information is very poor. (*Laughter.*)

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): I know that Madras is not half as healthy as Trivandrum for our girls, and it is a matter for regret that several ladies who are obliged to go to Madras for higher studies have returned with poor health. We know that higher college studies are a strain upon our ladies, and in addition to that, if they are obliged to go to Madras and places like that which are not particularly noted for their sanitary condition and it is therefore right that the College for Women should as soon as possible be raised to the First Grade and we should not grudge any money on that account.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Sir, I regret very much to note my neighbour member, Mr. Sivatanu Pillai, objecting to the demand under items Nos. 4 and 5. The main ground of his objection was based, I believe, upon two reasons. The first reason was, as he said, as regards certain doubts he entertained in his mind whether the money wanted for this road would be enough to keep it up in such a condition as is expected of it. Then I thought he was for granting us more money on that head. I asked a question whether he was for giving more money for the Alleppey-Shertallai-Arur road. He said that he was not for granting any money. Then I thought that what he expressed was not what he meant. The second objection was that he had no assurance from the Chief Engineer whether the road in question was an important one at all. But from an interpellation put to him, I understood that he had also seen Shertallai once in his lifetime if what he said is to be relied upon. If that is true, I am sure that my friend would not have raised such a doubt at all.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the member feels any doubt to rely upon the member?

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): It is not a question to be answered at all.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it not an unnecessary reflection cast upon a member of this House?

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): I do not think so.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I have seen big sandy deserts interspersed with cocoanut trees and persons also with big legs.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): It is not a picture of Shertallai but of some place elsewhere. Sandy tracts will not be interspersed with cocoanut trees.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Could people walk in the mid-day sun there?

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): No.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is it not due to the sandy nature of the soil?

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Yes.

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**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Is he aware that a channel was cut open and it was subsequently abandoned ?

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*) : Yes.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Why was it abandoned ?

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*) : On account of abnormal cost. The road was found to be more useful than the canal. Hence according to the policy pursued by the Department and the Government and according to the advice of people who have more knowledge of the facts and who have been consulted, it was thought that a road was better. Hitherto they were under the impression that no road was necessary. Also they thought it was not possible to have a road. Now, they have realised that in Shertallai also a road can be made. Thanks to the present administration we have got a road and I take this opportunity to congratulate the Head of the administration.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : May I know whether this road is so important ?

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*) : It is not after the importance of the road was realised that the canal was suspended. The importance of the road has been long established. If the member had only referred to the geographical position of this taluk looking into the Travancore map he would have found out the commercial importance of this taluk, situated as it is between two commercial centres of Cochin and Alleppey,—the two important seaports of the Malabar coast.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Cannot commerce be better promoted through backwater canal ?

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*) : It might be promoted through backwater canal as well as through roads. That is no reason why we cannot have a road. It might be better promoted by roads than by canals.

If roads are opened where there is a necessity for them, I think commerce can be promoted and similarly if canals are opened where there is necessity for them commerce can be developed. That question does not deserve a better answer than this.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : How do the people feel the necessity for a road ?

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*) : When people find it difficult to go from one place to another such as in sandy tracts they feel the necessity. It may be that the people can go in vallams. But to cross the interior, roads are necessary. Rs. 37,660 have been allotted for nineteen miles of the Alleppey-Shertallai-Arur road. It is not a big sum at all to be afraid of. If the member takes a drive to Shertallai he will feel the necessity for granting this sum. And as Mr. Vipan has already said motor traffic has recently developed in that part of the taluk. That has to be considered as a sign of the growth of the present Shertallai town. Therefore I believe the member will concede the importance of the amount that is demanded and the importance of the



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[Mr. K. Sivarama Panikkar.]

road in the Shertallai taluk. I am not willing to pass off without making an observation about item No. 6—extensions to the Women's College buildings. Certainly I would object to the idea of adding one more pie to the cost of collegiate education, simply for the reason that it adds to the unemployment problem. But I consider that it is too late in the day to discuss about that aspect of the question. Should the Women's College be raised to a First Grade is a question which has been decided one or two years ago. When a sum of money was asked for opening the Science Group in that College the money was granted by this Council. It is to keep up the prestige of the Department and the Government that it is necessary for us to see that the University people do not raise any objection for affiliation because that is wanting in so many things. These things have to be supplied in time, if not it is a disgrace to the Department and the Government.

**MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Is it to keep up the prestige alone that he agrees to that?

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Having granted that amount it is necessary for us to keep up the prestige. It is not for us now to discuss the merits of raising the College to the First Grade. Having granted that it is our business to see that it is completed.

**MR. A. VIPAN** (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I do not think I have anything further to add to what I have already said except to reply to Mr. Sivatanu Pillai where he requires a guarantee that the sum of money now applied for will keep the road in good order and that there will be no necessity to spend any more money on it in the immediate future. I regret I am unable to give that guarantee. We have got to spend money on the roads already opened up if we are to keep them open. I think if more money is necessary the House will not object to grant it.

As regards the importance of the road I think it is admitted on all sides that it is an important road. It is of importance to Alleppey and Cochin which are growing prosperous centres.

**PRESIDENT:** I take it that the House grants the demand for the restoration of the Anathazhachira—Rs. 8,000.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): Is it not better that we have the benefit of your ruling upon the matter that was raised before we vote upon it?

**PRESIDENT:** I am afraid I want some time.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): But you promised that it will be ready.

**PRESIDENT:** I must take time to consider it.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): When will it be ready?

**PRESIDENT:** Say, tomorrow.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): If it is put to vote what will be the effect of the ruling?

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**PRESIDENT**: The vote cannot affect the ruling.

The grant was put and carried.

The following demands were then put separately one after another and carried:

(i) Special recoating works in miles 21, 22, 23, 36, 43 and 47 of the Kottayam-Kumili road ... Rs. 20,000

(ii) Metalling miles 5 (furlongs 3 to 8) and 6 of the Trivandrum-Quilon road ... Rs. 6,940

(iii) Gravelling miles 20 to 22 and 23 to 29 of the Alleppey-Shertallai-Arur road ... Rs. 35,000

(iv) Recoating of miles 1 to 19 of the Alleppey-Shertallai-Arur road ... Rs. 37,660

**PRESIDENT**: I put to the vote of the House the demand for Rs. 50,000 for extensions to the Women's College buildings.

The motion was carried by a majority.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I demand a poll.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): I rise to a point of order. I want to know whether a member who is one of the ayes can demand a poll.

**PRESIDENT**: Any member can demand a poll.

A poll was taken with the following result:—

AYES—36.

1. Mr. I. C. Chacko.
2. ,, Paul Daniel.
3. ,, R. Dhanukoti Pillai.
4. ,, K. George.
5. ,, P. Habeeb Mahommed.
6. ,, A. J. John.
7. ,, N. V. Joseph.
8. ,, C. P. Kochukunju Pillai.
9. ,, P. N. Krishna Pillai.
10. ,, T. Kumara Pillai.
11. Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.
12. Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.
13. ,, C. V. Kunjuraman
14. ,, L. A. Lampard.
15. ,, K. Madhavan Pillai.
16. ,, K. C. Mammen Mappillai.
17. ,, Kallur Narayana Pillai.
18. ,, P. K. Narayana Pillai.
19. ,, N. Nilakanta Pillai.
20. ,, M. N. Pillai.
21. Mr. R. Padmanabhan.
22. ,, Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai.
23. ,, W. H. Pitt.
24. Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose.
25. Mr. K. N. Ramasubba Aiyar.
26. Rao Bahadur K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar.
27. Mr. S. C. H. Robinson
28. ,, K. Sivarama Panikkar.
29. ,, M. Sivatanu Pillai.
30. ,, V. Subba Aiyar.
31. ,, S. Subrahmanya Karayalar.
32. ,, C. P. Tarakan
33. ,, C. P. Thomas.
34. ,, K. K. Thomas.
35. ,, P. Gomatinayagom Pillai.
36. ,, A. Vipan.

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NOES—7.

1. Mr. K. I. Joseph.
2. „ N. K. Krishna Pillai.
3. „ K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.
4. „ A. K. Pillai.
5. Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai.
6. „ G. Raman Menon.
7. „ Kurandipallil R. Raman Pillai.

NEUTRALS—Nil.

The motion was declared carried.

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The Council adjourned for lunch at 1-44 P. M. and re-assembled at 2-45 P. M.

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## DEMAND VI—FOREST.

**MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI** (*Conservator of Forests*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,500 under Demand VI—Forests. This amount is required to continue the special staff sanctioned for the disposal of *kudivila* on Royal trees. The House is already aware that during the year 1100 seven additional clerks were appointed for the speedy disposal of *kudivila* claims which had accumulated to the extent of 2½ lakhs of rupees. During the latter part of 1101 and during 1102 the staff was able to settle and dispose of claims to an amount of Rs. 1,20,000. It is approximately estimated that there is still an amount of rupees one lakh, sixty thousand to be paid. It is absolutely necessary therefore that this staff should be continued for this year and for that a provision of Rs. 1,500 is wanted.

The motion was carried.

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## DEMAND VIII—REGISTRATION.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 10,338 under Demand VIII Registration for opening 8 additional temporary Sub-Registry offices. The offices are to be located at (1) Tonnakkal, (2) Vellanad, (3) Kotamangalam, (4) Varkala, (5) Pattanamtitta, (6) Cheppad, (7) Pantalam and (8) Karunagapalli. The Director of Registration has reported that the number of documents to be registered in the various offices in the State is showing an enormous increase. The state of affairs is not new to this year. It was also seen last year. And as a result Government sanctioned last year the opening of five new Sub-Registry offices temporarily. These offices were at Balaramapuram, Tevalakara, Ranni, Kidangur and Ramapuram. They are being continued this year. Notwithstanding this, it is seen that the work continues to increase and therefore the Director has proposed the opening of new offices to give relief to those offices where the work is beyond the capacity of one Sub-Registrar to manage.

**MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether these offices are temporary or permanent?

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